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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Notice is hereby given of a Special City Council Meeting to be held on **Monday**, **February 15**, **2016**, at **5:45 p.m.** at: **City Hall**, **Council Conference Room**, **2**nd **Floor**, **behind the Council Chamber**, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action on the removal and replacement of the Fonmeadow pedestrian bridge.
- (b) Discuss the possible development and incorporation of a nonprofit corporation for charitable purposes.

3. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may go into Executive Session regarding any item posted on the Agenda as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Notice is hereby given that the City Council may go into Executive Session in accordance with the following provision of the Government Code:

Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 – Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: the city manager.

4. **RECONVENE** into Special Session and Consider Action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

5. ADJOURN

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Missouri City will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 24 hours prior to the meetings. Please contact Maria Jackson, City Secretary, at 281.403.8686.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the February 15, 2016, agenda of on the City Hall bulletin board on February 12, 2016, at 4	:00 p.m.
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	Yomara Frias, City Secretary Department
I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to from the City Hall bulletin board on the day of	
Signed:	Title:



Council Agenda Item Cover Memo February 15, 2016

To: Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item: 2(a) Consideration and possible action on the Fonmeadow Pedestrian Bridge

Submitted by: Scott R. Elmer, P.E., Assistant City Manager

SYNOPSIS

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has agreed to partner with Missouri City in the removal of the Fonmeadow Pedestrian Bridge in the interest of preventing a potential public drainage concern in the event that the bridge fails during a storm event. The removal cost would be split 50/50 between the two agencies with Missouri City's portion currently estimated at \$5,750.00.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 GOALS ADDRESSED

- Create a great place to live
- Have quality development through buildout

BACKGROUND

Staff has approached Harris County Flood Control District for possible assistance in resolving the Fonmeadow pedestrian bridge concern. Flood Control's position is that they are not responsible for the construction, operation or maintenance of structures across their drainage facilities, including the Fonmeadow pedestrian bridge. After reviewing the HOA supplied engineering evaluation, Flood Control saw a public concern in the condition of the bridge possibly leading to a failure during a storm event that could block the channel and flood structures or public infrastructure. Flood Control agreed to obtain a price from their demolition contractor (attached) to remove the bridge and agreed to pay 50% of the price if Missouri City would pay the other 50%. The estimated Missouri City portion of costs is \$5,750.00.

Staff met with Fonmeadow HOA on February 11, 2016 and the HOA voted to approve the demolition, as outlined above, of the bridge and grant a right of entry to facilitate the demolition.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

It is proposed that the 50% match (estimated at \$5,750.00) be obtained from personnel vacancy savings.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. HCFCD Demolition Quote

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that approve the 50% match (estimated at \$5,750.00) for the Fonmeadow pedestrian bridge demolition.



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SITE WORK

January 26, 2016

Jason Krahn Harris County Flood Control EMAIL Jason.krahn@hcfcd.org

Re: 12535 Arbor Ridge Pedestrian Bridge

Cherry Demolition Company is pleased to offer for your consideration the following proposal covering the demolition of the above referenced location.

Scope of Work:

- * Harris County to provide for all permits associated with the work as described below.
- Demolition and removal of the pedestrian bridge located at the above referenced address.
- Demolition and complete removal of the concrete abutment and walkway up to the street curb located on the west side of the foot bridge.
- Demolition and complete removal of the concrete abutment and the gravel walkway back to the park trail located on the east side of the foot bridge.
- Cherry Demolition will attempt to remove the existing wooden supports (8 in all) to their full depth, if they can't be removed in their entirety then each support to be broke off at a depth of approximately three foot below existing ground level.
- ❖ Backfill and rough grade the disturbed areas using onsite equipment.
- Our price is based on having access to the work areas with our trucks and heavy equipment. Harris County to provide access to the work area prior to the mobilization of our equipment and trucks.
- Cherry Demolition has not included any HOA requirements, such as construction fence, notices, etc.

Cost:

Cost to perform the above mentioned Scope of Work is allocated as follows:

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Demolition} & \$8,625.00 \\ \text{Transportation of debris} & \$2,875.00 \\ \text{Taxes} & \$ \underline{\text{N/A}} \\ \$11,500.00 \\ \end{array}$

Cherry Demolition Company is not responsible for any and all back due taxes, liens, legal encumbrances, deed restrictions, perimeter fence removal, identification/analysis, monitoring, handling, removal or disposal of hazardous or special wastes. The handling, removal, protection, or relocating of any soils, the layout of any separations or saw-cutting or foundation repairs caused by separation, the protection, removal, trimming or condition of any trees, bushes, shrubbery, grass or flowers, the removal, locating, capping or disconnecting of any utilities, (above ground or below ground). None of these items are included in the above cost unless otherwise specifically stated in the scope of work above. The above price includes only one mobilization (unless otherwise stated). This proposal will act as the scope of work in the contract if Cherry is awarded the project.

Cherry Demolition appreciates the opportunity to provide you with our specialty contracting services. If we can be of any further assistance or any questions that might arise, you can reach me at (713) 987-0000.



Special Agenda Item Cover Memo February 15, 2016

To: Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item: 2(b) Discuss potential development and incorporation of a 501c3 Nonprofit Foundation

Submitted by: Jim Browne, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation

SYNOPSIS

This item is presented to the Mayor and the City Council to discuss the potential development and incorporation of a 501c3 Nonprofit Corporation for all the charitable purposes allowed by law, including supporting the City of Missouri City in the acquisition, ownership, construction, development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of land and facilities owned or controlled by the City of Missouri City, including land, facilities and activities for recreation, entertainment, sports, the arts, and similar activities that might benefit the citizens of the City of Missouri City.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 GOALS ADDRESSED

- Create a great place to live
- Maintain a financially sound City
- Have quality development through buildout

BACKGROUND

The 2015 Missouri City Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by City Council on July 20, 2015 identifies the formation of a 501c3 Nonprofit Corporation/Foundation as a supplemental funding strategy for parks & recreation projects which allows for tax deductible contributions and donations. At the February 4, 2016 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting the chairman and advisory board members expressed interest in exploring the establishment of a Parks Foundation to facilitate donations in support of parks projects and events. In addition to parks & recreation projects the proposed foundation could also facilitate financial support and donations for public art and other civic projects suitable for large scale giving, planned giving, foundation-to-foundation giving, corporate donations and grants. Additionally, "arms-length" foundations with 501c3 Nonprofit tax exempt status can serve as a repository for holding land donated for parks purposes "in trust" for a period of time until development funding is allocated. Providing the opportunity for the value of the donated land to count as a matching contribution on behalf of the City for Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Local Park Fund Grants.

Many foundations, corporations and individuals have a preference for giving to Nonprofit Foundations versus giving to municipalities or governments in general. Numerous other communities and municipalities in Texas and throughout the United States have successfully implemented 501c3 Nonprofit Foundations for these purposes.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The creation and successful implementation of a 501c3 Nonprofit Foundation for Parks, Recreation Facilities, Trails, Events, Public Art and Municipal Facilities will allow the City of Missouri City to receive and leverage gifts of land and large scale/planned giving by individuals, corporations and other foundations that demonstrate a preference for giving to Nonprofit Foundations instead of governments. In many cases, donated land for park purposes can be held in trust by "501c3 Nonprofit Parks Foundations" to contribute towards the City's matching contribution requirements for Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Local Park Fund Grants.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- 1. Draft Certificate of Formation/Articles of Incorporation
- 2. Draft Bylaws for a proposed Missouri City Parks Foundation
- 3. Benchmark 501c3 Nonprofit Parks Foundation Website Links

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Mayor and City Council authorize staff to proceed with the initial steps of filing of a "Certificate of Formation" with the Office of the Secretary of State with the initial Officers and Registered Agent identified in the attached Draft "Certificate of Formation" and provide feedback on the Draft "Bylaws". Staff will bring and an action item to an upcoming City Council meeting for consideration.

Staff also recommends Mayor and City Council identify no less than five (5) and no more than fifteen (15) community leaders to serve as nominees for City Council review and approval at an upcoming City Council meeting to serve as the initial Board of Directors and Officers of the proposed Missouri City Parks Foundation.

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Article 1 - Entity Name and Type

The filing entity being formed is a nonprofit corporation. The name of the entity is:

Missouri City Parks Foundation

Article 2 - Registered Agent and Registered Office

A. The initial registered agent, who is an individual resident of the state, is:

Maria Jackson

B. The business address of the registered agent and the registered office address is:

City Secretary 1522 Texas Parkway City of Missouri City Missouri City, Texas 77489

Article 3 - Management

The management of the affairs of the corporation is vested in the board of directors. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

Names of Directors:

Allen Owen, Mayor Anthony Snipes, City Manager E. Joyce Iyamu, City Attorney

Address: The business address of each director is:

City of Missouri City 1522 Texas Parkway Missouri City, Texas 77489

Article 4 – Membership

The nonprofit corporation will have no members.

Article 5 - Purpose

- A. The nonprofit corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 5011(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended. Specifically, the nonprofit corporation shall support the City of Missouri City, Texas (the "City"), in the City's acquisition or ownership of land or facilities, and in the construction, development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of land and facilities owned or controlled by the City, including land, facilities, and activities for recreation, entertainment, sports, the arts, and similar activities that might benefit the citizens of the City.
- B. The nonprofit corporation shall operate in compliance with State law, including chapter 22 of the Texas Business Organization Code, this Certificate, and its adopted bylaws.
- C. The nonprofit corporation may not engage in any activities that do not further its purposes as set forth in this Certificate or take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for a tax exemption for charitable organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code Section and Section 11.18(c) of the Texas Tax Code Section and related regulations and rulings, including activities attempting to influence legislation or a political campaign involving a public office or public proposition.

Article 6 – Amendment of Certificate of Formation or Bylaws

To be effective, any amendments to this Certificate of Formation or the bylaws must be approved by the city council of the City.

Article 7 - Dissolution

Upon dissolution, all corporate assets will be distributed to the City.

Article 8 - Organizer

The name and address of the organizer is:

Anthony Snipes, City Manager City of Missouri City 1522 Texas Parkway Missouri City, Texas 77489

Article 9 - Execution

The undersigned affirms that the person designated as registered agent has consented to the
appointment. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties by law for the
submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of
perjury that the undersigned is authorized to execute the filing instrument.

Date:	
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	Anthony Snipes, City Manager

BYLAWS OF THE MISSOURI CITY PARKS FOUNDATION A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1. In this Article:

Board means the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

City means the City of Missouri City, Texas.

City Council means the city council of the City of Missouri City, Texas.

Corporation means the Missouri City Parks Foundation.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes allowed by law, including supporting the City in the City's acquisition, ownership, construction, development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of land and facilities owned or controlled by the City including land, facilities, and activities for recreation, entertainment, sports, the arts, and similar activities that might benefit the citizens of the City of Missouri City.
- 2.2. The Corporation will focus its efforts on encouraging persons, businesses, and corporations, to make contributions of funds or donations of real estate or other property of value, to the Foundation.
- 2.3. The Corporation may not:
- 2.3.1. Engage in any activities that do not further its purposes as set forth in this Certificate or take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for a tax exemption for charitable organizations under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3) and Texas Tax Code Section 11.18 (c) and related regulations and rulings;
- 2.3.2. Pay any of its net earnings for the benefit of any private individual, other than for services rendered or as provided for in these Bylaws; or
- 2.3.3. Devote a substantial part of its activities or income to attempting to influence legislation or the outcome of any public election.

ARTICLE 3. POWERS

3.1. The Corporation has all the powers of a Texas non-profit corporation and will operate in compliance with State law, including Chapter 22 of the Texas Business Organization Code, the Corporation's Certificate of Formation, and these adopted Bylaws.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICES

4.1. The Corporation's initial office will be located at City Hall, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas 77489.

ARTICLE 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 5.1. Number. The Board will have no less than five, but no more than fifteen directors.
- 5.2. Qualifications. To qualify to serve as a director, a person must be committed to achieving the Corporation's purpose with the financial skills, knowledge, experience or resources necessary to achieve those purposes.
- 5.3. Appointment, Vacancies, and Removal. The City Council appoints the persons to serve as directors on the Board, will fill vacancies on the Board, and may remove a director at any time.
- 5.4. Terms. Directors serve two-year terms that begin on July 1 and end on June 30. Directors continue to serve until their successors are appointed. To provide for staggered terms, the City Council may appoint a specified number of the initial directors to serve one-year terms.
- 5.5. Compensation and Expenses. Directors will not receive a salary or other fixed compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred under written policies approved by the Board.
- 5.6. Meetings. Meetings will be held as requested by the President or a majority of the Board or at regular intervals as determined by the Board.
- 5.7. Quorum. A majority of the appointed directors are a quorum for the transaction of corporate business. The directors may, by resolution, approve procedures to allow directors who cannot attend a meeting to participate in the meeting by telephone or video conference and vote on matters that come before the board.
- 5.8. Executive Committee. The board of directors by resolution may elect three or more other directors to serve on an executive committee which will include the President that has and may exercise the authority of the board of directors to the extent specified in the resolution. The designation of the executive committee and the delegation of authority to the committee does not operate to relieve the board of directors, or an individual director, of any responsibility imposed on the board or director by law.

ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS

- 6.1. Officers. The City Council will appoint a director to serve as president of the corporation, who serves at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed at any time. The Board will elect directors to serve as vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, who serve at the pleasure of the board and may be removed at any time.
- 6.2. Term. Officers serve one-year terms, or until their successors are appointed.
- 6.3 President. The president presides at all Board meetings, supervises the business of the Corporation, and performs other duties assigned by the Board. The president executes contracts and other documents evidencing actions approved by the Board. Not less than once a year, the president will give a report to the City Council on the Corporation's activities and financial condition. The president may appoint directors to standing or temporary committees to assist or make recommendations to the Board.
- 6.4. Vice-President. The vice-president performs the duties of the president in the president's absence and performs other duties as assigned by the president or the Board.
- 6.5. Secretary. The secretary notifies the directors of Board meetings, records votes and minutes of the Board's meetings, is the custodian of the Corporation's records, and performs other duties as assigned by the president or the Board.
- 6.6. Treasurer. The treasurer keeps accurate accounts of the Corporations' expenditures and revenues, insures the Board's financial policies are followed, makes regular financial reports to the Board, provides for an independent audit of the Corporation's accounts as requested by the Board, and performs other duties as assigned by the president or the Board.
- 6.7. Compensation. Directors will not receive a salary or other fixed compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses arising from their duties under policies approved by the Board.

ARTICLE 7. FINANCE.

- 7.1. Fiscal Year. The Corporation's fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th.
- 7.2 Annual Budget. The Board will adopt an annual budget which specifies revenues and major expenditures by type and amount.
- 7.3 Checks, Drafts, or Orders for Payment. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of corporate funds may be signed manually or electronically, as approved by the corporate officers specified in a resolution adopted by the Board, or in the absence of a resolution, by at least two officers.

7.4. Deposits. All corporate funds will be deposited in a bank or other depositories selected by the Board.

ARTICLE 8. MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 Dissolution. Upon the Corporation's dissolution, its assets will be distributed to the City.
- 8.2. Amendment to Certificate of Formation or Bylaws. An amendment to the Corporation's Certificate of Formation or these Bylaws is not effective until approved by the Board and the City Council.
- 8.3. Controlling Law and Conflicts. These Bylaws are subject to the Texas Business Organization Code, including Chapter 22, governing nonprofit corporations. If there is a conflict between these Bylaws and the mandatory provisions of the Texas Business Organization Code, the latter controls.
- 8.4. Bylaws Effective Date. These Bylaws are effective on the date approved by the initial Board of Directors. Any amendments to the Bylaws are effective on the latest date of the dates approved by the Board and the City Council. The initial Bylaws were adopted by the initial Board of Directors on XXXX XX, 2016.

501c3 Nonprofit Parks Foundations

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Mission

The Houston Parks Board creates, improves, protects and advocates for parkland in the Greater Houston region.

Background

The Houston Parks Board, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, was created in 1976 in response to a request by Houston's major foundations and civic leaders who wanted to contribute to the city's park system through an organization that would represent their needs and desires. Since its inception, the Houston Parks Board has raised and leveraged millions of dollars and touched at least 75% of the City's parkland either through acquisitions and/or capital improvements.

Organization

The Houston Parks Board, made up of 26 volunteer Board of Directors and 7 full-time staff members, works with the City of Houston, Harris County Precincts, Harris County Flood Control District, other non-profit organizations and numerous community groups in fulfilling its mission. It seeks donations of land and other assets, manages capital projects, undertakes studies for the benefit of the park system and raises awareness of the need for adequate parks and open spaces for Houston.

Activities

The Houston Parks Board's core programming falls into 3 main areas of activity.

The first and greatest share of our resources are devoted to equitably distributed park acquisition and improvement. We work to ensure that parkland and recreation amenities are accessible to all socio-economic areas of Houston. This is the heart of our work. For the past several decades, Houston has grown rapidly. As a result, much of our green spaces have disappeared, resulting in a shortage of equitably distributed parkland — particularly in the inner city. To add parkland and increase equitable distribution. The Houston Parks Board is embarking on the holdest and most exciting





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IN THE NEWS

Tents in Town - An Urban Camp Out!

Join us on March 28 - 29 for a special event benefitting Patrons for Bellaire Parks & Bellaire Town Square. Click HERE to register/pay online. (Our online store opens by Saturday, March 14th!)

OUR MISSION

Patrons for Bellaire Parks is a volunteer-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enriching and enhancing the well-being of the citizens of Bellaire and its surrounding communities by raising funds to improve and expand the City of Bellaire's parks, playing fields, and recreational facilities, programs and services.



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BELLAIRE TOWN SQUARE

Patrons' current goal is to raise \$3,000,000 to help combine and renovate Bellaire and Loftin Parks into Bellaire Town Square, a showpiece park and town center for the City of Bellaire

Laurel Street has already been closed to accommodate a new aquatics facility and pool house. Additional features of Bellaire Town Square are to be constructed as funding becomes available. The conceptual master plan calls for Loftin Park to maintain its natural setting with green space plus a new trail system and playground, while Bellaire Park will feature an outdoor pavilion, an expansive events lawn and a skate park in addition to the existing tennis courts and baseball field.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS BELLAIRE!

Thanks to the amazing generosity and enthusiasm of Bellaire residents and businesses, as of the end of 2007 Patrons had raised over \$1.4 million in pledges and donations for Bellaire Town Square! In June of 2007, Patrons not only successfully met but exceeded the Wortham Foundation's \$500,000 challenge, raising over \$630,000 in donations and pledges during the twelve-month challenge grant period, and earning a \$250,000 grant from the Foundation. In September of 2007, Patrons fulfilled its commitment to provide the City of Bellaire with \$1 million toward the cost of constructing the new aquatics center and poolhouse/community center that will anchor Bellaire Town Square. Now that the aquatics facility is just about completed, future donations and pledges to Patrons will be dedicated to the other features planned for Bellaire Town Square. Please donate now to help us continue the development of Bellaire Town Square, by clicking HERE!



Cindy Siegel, Mayor

"These two parks have served our city well for many decades, but as our city grows, we want to expand this area to become even fore family-friendly for our residents," said Cindy Siegel, mayor of the City of Bellaire. "Bellaire is unique in that it is a small town in a big city. I expect the new Bellaire Town Square will strengthen that small-town identity

Seattle Parks Foundation

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Duwamish Waterway Park

The Oglebay Foundation

http://www.oglebayfoundation.org/



Guide to Giving



Help build the foundation for Oglebay's future and support the world's most outstanding municipal park system. When you $\underline{\mathsf{make}}$ a $\underline{\mathsf{gift}}$ to The Oglebay Foundation, you become part of a community of people who care passionately about neighbors, family, youth, conservation, health, and the beauty of this special place.

Generous contributions from individuals like you help provide the funds necessary to operate, maintain, and grow Oglebay and Wheeling Park. Your gift today is tomorrow's legacy.

Gifts may be made online as a one-time gift or as a monthly sustaining gift. You may mail a check to The Oglebay Foundation or contact The Oglebay Foundation at 304-243-4166 to make a gift over the phone. These gifts can be designated toward a specific program or facility in the parks or may be given in honor or memory of a loved one.

If you are interested in learning more about planned gifts, bequests, sponsorships, naming opportunities, please contact The Oglebay Foundation by phone at 304-243-4166 or via email: foundation@oglebay-resort.com for more specific information.

Benefits of Giving (Back to Top)

Cullinan Park Conservancy

http://cullinanparkconservancy.org/





Our Partners

The Cullinan Park Conservancy has been lucky to have help from a number of individuals, government agencies and non-profit groups. The list includes, at least in part, the City of Sugar Land, Parks and Recreation Department (the new manager of the park), the City of Houston (part-owner of the park), the Houston Parks Board (part-owner of the park, and our loyal advisor), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (our partner in surveying the park's vegetation), Houston Wilderness (the mastermind behind efforts to network the many pieces of habitat and open space in the Houston area), the Bayou Preservation Association (our generous ally in park clean-ups), the Houston Museum of Natural Science (our kind friend in sponsoring and exhibiting the Park photo contest), and the Houston Audubon Society (our counselor on trail maintenance, birding, photo competitions, and many other efforts). To all our partners, we say a resounding "thanks"!















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